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1. The amendment filed May 32, 2005 after a decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences is not entered because prosecution is closed and the proposed amendment was not suggested in an explicit statement by the Board under 37 CFR 41.50(c). As provided in 37 CFR 1.198, prosecution of the proceeding before the

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primary examiner will not be reopened or reconsidered by the primary examiner after a

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being shown.

2. The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejection(s) against independent claim(s) 17, but reversed all rejections against claim(s) 18 and 19-22 dependent thereon. The dependency of claims 25-28 cannot be changed. Regarding claims 27 and 28, claims indicated as allowable prior to appeal except for their dependency from rejected claims will be treated as if they were rejected (see MPEP 1214.06). The independent claim(s) is/are cancelled by the examiner in accordance with MPEP § 1214.06. Applicant is given a ONE MONTH TIME PERIOD from the mailing date of this letter in which to present the dependent claim(s) in independent form. NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE GRANTED.

will be allowed with claim(s) 29. Prosecution is otherwise closed.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael C. Wimer whose telephone number is (571) 272-1833. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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